Export of value based herbal formulations

3375. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact by way of amendment to Public Notice 47(PN)92-97 during March, 1996 negative restric tions have been imposed on exporters of value added herbal formulations to "Pro duce Certificate of Cultivation"in respect of 56 plants;

(b) jf so, whether any study had been made'on the quantity of each restricted herb used in the export of value added formulation; and

(c) since only a small quantity of the 56 restricted herbs are presently being ex ported in the value added herbal formula tion, whether Government would consid er excluding these herbal formulation from out of the 56 plant~products re stricted by above mentioned Public Notice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The amendment of the said Public Notice No. 47 dated 30th March, 1994 has been effected on the recommendations of *Wo* Environment *&.* Forests in the interest of the conservation of certain endangered plant species. In the case of plants and plant portions, derivatives and extracts including value added herbal formulations of the species obtained from the wild which are, however, prohibited for exports, a dispensation upto 31st December, 1996 has been given to the exporters of value added herbal formulations using material obtained from the wild to export their products without any condition in respect of 10 specific species named by Basic chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXC1L). CHEMEXCIL has also subsequently represented for exclusion of'certain items from the purview of this Notice which is being examined in consultation with *Wo* Environment & Forests.

Voluntary organisations working in Andhra Pradesh

3376. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of voluntary organisations working in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the financial assitance provided to these voluntary organisations by Central Government during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Central Government have received any complaints against any of these organisations; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) retails of Voluntary Organisations and amounts of grants released during the last three years are at Annexure *[See Appendix 178. Annexure No. 80]*

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Complaints have been received against some organisations and accordingly after due enquiry, financial assistance has been stopped. Details of such organisations a/e at Statement. Statement

s. No.	Name of the Organisation	Remarks
1.	Chirala Taluka Harijana Sangha, Chirala, Distt.: Prakasam	Mis-utilisation of Funds
2.	Vcllamma Weaker Section Mahila Mandali, Distt: Guntur	Black listed by CAPART
3.	Pragathi Youth Sangam, Distt: Guntur	... do—
4.	Sri Venkateswara Mahila Mandali, Distt: Guntur	... do—
5.	Indira Priyadarsini Mahila Mandali, Distt: Guntur	—do—
6.	Kasturibai Mahila Mandali, Distt: Guntur	—do-